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BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1941

on the

Health and Sanitary Condition

of the

Borough and Port of Folkestone.

by

AUSTIN PRIESTMAN,
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health,

with which is incorporated the Report

of the

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Summary of Health Report, 1941.

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Borough	...	...	...	Borough of Folkestone.
Area (inclusive of area covered by water)	...	...	...	4,099 acres.
Rateable Value.	...	...	...	£283,391
Sum represented by ld. rate	...	...	...	£1,180
Population (1941) Registrar General	...	...	...	*
Density of population..	...	...	...	*

Total Births;

Live Births	*
Still Births	*

Total Deaths;

*

Birth Rate; 15.9 per 1,000 of popula

Death Rate: 16.2 " " " "

Deaths of Infants under one year of age: *

Infant Mortality Rate:

Legitimate 32 per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.

Illegitimate 62 per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births.

Total 36 per 1,000 Births.

Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	Nil.
Cancer Death Rate	...	...	*
Phthisis Death Rate	...	...	*
Deaths from Measles	...	...	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough	...	...	Nil.
Deaths from Puerperal Causes..	...	...	Nil.

* See separate sheet.

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BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE

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Annual Report.

The following information has been omitted from the Annual Report for the year 1941, in conformity with the Ministry of Health Circular 2604.

Population (1941) Registrar General	...	18,170
Density of Population	...	4 persons to an acre.
No. of inhabited houses	...	7,500

Total Births:—

Live Births	290 (legitimate 258, Illegitimate 32).
Still Births	20 (" 19, " 1).

Total Deaths:—

296 (Males 165, Females 131).

Deaths of Infants

under 1 year:— Total 9 (Legitimate 7, Illegitimate 2).

Cancer Death Rate:— ... 2.8 per 1,000 of Population.

Phthisis Death Rate:— ... 0.9 " "

Causes of Death, 1941, per Registrar General's Return.

	Male.	Female.
All causes.	165	131
1. Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fevers	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	—
3. Scarlet Fever	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	11	7
7. Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	2
8. Syphilitic Diseases	3	—
9. Influenza	1	—
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	1
13. Cancer of B: Cav: & Oesop: (M.) Uterus (F.)	2	6
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum..	4	3
15. Cancer of Breast	—	3
16. Cancer of All Other Sites	22	11
17. Diabetes	2	1
18. Intra-cran: Vasc: lesions	16	14
19. Heart Disease	23	38

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	6	5
21. Bronchitis ...	7	4
22. Pneumonia ...	5	5
23. Other respiratory diseases ...	5	3
24. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum...	4	-
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years of age..	-	-
26. Appendicitis ...	1	-
27. Other digestive diseases ...	5	4
28. Nephritis	4	-
29. Puerperal and post: abort: sepsis	-	-
30. Other maternal causes ...	-	-
31. Premature birth ...	3	1
32. Con: mal: birth inj: infant: dis:	2	2
33. Suicide	1	-
34. Road traffic accidents ...	2	-
35. Other violent causes ...	14	10
36. All other causes ...	18	11

Small Pox, Poliomyelitis, Polioencephalitis	-	-
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Deaths of infants)	Total	7	2
under one)	Legitimate	6	1
year.)	Illegitimate	1	1

Live Births)	Total	169	121
)	Legitimate	152	106
)	Illegitimate	17	15

Still Births)	Total	12	8
)	Legitimate	11	8
)	Illegitimate	1	-

Population: 18,170

R e p o r t .

Borough of Folkestone.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
the Borough of Folkestone.

Office of the Medical Officer of Health,
Folkestone,
June, 1942.

Mr. Mayor, and Gentlemen,

I have to submit the Annual Report for the year ended
31st December, 1941.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health this report has been abridged, and certain information has been omitted for purposes of secrecy during the war. However, the information has been collated and calculations have been made — a typed copy of the results is available as and when required.

The infectious diseases were specially low during the year, and the fewness of the cases of Diphtheria no doubt had an apathetic effect upon the campaign for the immunization of children against that malady.

I am gratified that the attendances at the various clinics have been good, and the same number of clinics were held as in pre-war times.

The infant mortality rate per thousand live births was again low, 36 as compared with 59 for England and Wales.

The birth rate per thousand of population has risen from 12·7 to 15·9, although unfortunately the death rate has risen from 14·0 to 16·2, but is not corrected for age and sex.

The health of the Borough in general has been very satisfactory.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued support.

To my colleagues in the Medical Profession, the General Practitioners, and to my staff I offer my appreciation of their never-failing co-operation and assistance.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

Austin Priestman
Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health, and)	Austin Priestman,
School Medical Officer.)	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Port Medical Officer.)	(Univ: Edin.)
Medical Officer, Maternity and)	
Child Welfare Centre.)	

Senior Sanitary Inspector)	Herbert William Gill,
(Borough and Port).)	F.R.San.I.,
Assistant Inspector under Public)	Certificates Royal Sanitary
Health (Imported Food))	Institute as "Inspector of
Regulations.)	Meat and other Foods."
Inspector under the Food and)	Advanced Certificate Royal
Drugs (Adulteration) Act.)	Sanitary Institute.

Sanitary Inspectors.

Ø H. Summerfield, A.R.San.I.)	
L. F. Pattman, A.R.San.I.)	Certificate Royal Sanitary
C. A. Bailey, M.R.San.I.)	Institute as "Inspector of
Ø J. S. Nowell, M.S.I.A.)	Meat and other Foods."

Health Visitor, and Maternity and Child Welfare Nurse.

Miss D.E. Collier, S.R.N., S.C.M. : Senior Health Visitor.

Ø On war Service.

General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	4,099.
Population: Registrar General	*
No. of Inhabited Houses (including flats, etc.)	*
Rateable Value	£283,391.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,180.

Vital Statistics.

Folkestone.

Live Births:

Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population: 15.9

Still Births:

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of
Population: 1.10

* See separate sheet.

Still-birth Rate per thousand total (live and still)

Births:—

64.5.

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	Death Rate per thousand of Population:—
	*	*	*	16.2

Infant Mortality Rate.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	7	6	1
Illegitimate	2	1	1
Totals.	9	7	2

The infant mortality is at the rate of 36 per 1,000 births. This figure is 23 per 1,000 less than that for the whole country, which is 59.

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All Infants,	per 1,000 Live Births	...	36
Legitimate Infants,	per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...	32
Illegitimate Infants,	per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...	62

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	51.
" " Measles	...	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough	...	Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	Nil.

Deaths from Notifiable Diseases during the year 1941.

Causes of Death. (At all Ages.)

Diphtheria	...	...	-
Scarlet Fever	...	...	-
Enteric Fever (including Para-typhoid)..	...	...	-
Puerperal Causes	...	...	-
Pneumonia	...	...	10
Erysipelas	...	...	-
Encephalitis Lethargica..	...	...	-
Measles	...	...	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	-

* See separate sheet.

Total 11

Special Causes of Sickness and Excessive Mortality
in the Area.

— Nil.—

Infant Deaths, 1941: (Under one Year).

Small-pox	-	Chicken-pox	-
Measles	-	Scarlet Fever	-
Whooping Cough	-	Diphtheria	-
Erysipelas	-	Tuberculous Meningitis	1
Abdominal Tuberculosis	-	Other Tuberculous Disease	-
Meningitis, (Non-T.B.)	-	Convulsions	-
Laryngitis	-	Bronchitis	-
Pneumonia, all forms	-	Diarrhoea	-
Enteritis	-	Gastritis	-
Syphilis	1	Rickets	-
Suffocation, overlying	-	Injury at Birth	-
Atelectasis	-	Congenital Malformation	1
Premature Birth	5	Atrophy, Debility &	
Other causes	-	Marasmus	1

Total: 9.

(a) General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.

These examinations are carried out by arrangement with the County Laboratory at Maidstone.

During the year the following specimens have been submitted for bacteriological examination:—

<u>Sent by Medical Practitioners.</u>	<u>Result.</u>	
	<u>Positive.</u>	<u>Negative.</u>
Swabs for Diphtheria	-	13
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	3	6
Swabs for Organisms	2	4
Sputum for Tuberculosis	26	32
Swab for Tuberculosis	-	1
Blood for Typhoid Fever	2	1

Sent by Medical Officer of Health.

Swabs for Diphtheria	...	1	5
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	...	3	30

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

1. For Infectious Diseases. A motor ambulance of modern type is in use. Two stretcher cases can be carried besides the driver, attendant and nurse.

2. For Non-infectious and Accident Cases, and Maternity Cases.
A motor ambulance is available for the above mentioned class of cases.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

The work of the District Nurses' Association was suspended after June, 1940.

(d) Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Folkestone on two afternoons in the week — Monday and Thursday — and at Cheriton on Wednesday all day.

Antenatal Clinics are held on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at Cheriton and Folkestone respectively.

The Medical Officer of Health is the Medical Officer in attendance at all Clinics.

The following shows the number of visits during the year:—

Ante-natal visits	...	52
Primary visits (new born)	...	208
Secondary visits (under 1 year)	...	209
Other visits (1 to 5 years)	...	1031
Visits re Infant deaths and still-births		15(4 deaths)
" Tuberculosis	...	19
" Measles	...	3
" Discharging Eyes	...	5
" Puerperal Pyrexia	...	3
" Foster Mothers	...	7
" Nurse Children	...	7
" Adoption of Children	...	7
" Miscellaneous	...	8
Total		1574

Attendances at the Maternity Centre during the year 1941.

	Infants.	Mothers.		Total.
		Ante-Natal.	Nursing.	
Individual Cases.	537	208	71	816
Gross Attendances.	4600	762	82	5444

<u>Examined by Doctor.</u>	<u>Mothers.</u>			<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Infants.</u>	<u>Ante-Natal.</u>	<u>Nursing.</u>	
Individual Cases	426	208	71	705
Gross Attendances	1120	762	82	1964

I would like to offer my thanks to Mr. J. W. D. Buttery, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, for his kind services as Consulting Obstetric

Ante-Natal Clinic.

If it is true — and I think it is — that the success of a clinic should be judged, not by numbers, but by its effect in securing normal delivery and reducing maternal and foetal mortality, then it would seem that the work of this clinic has not been wasted.

There has again been no fatality amongst the mothers attending the Clinics during the year. The results of the work checked by reports of E. M. Horne, confirms in many instances the clinical findings of ante-natal supervision, and this is one of the many advances in health midwifery which can be attributed to their provision.

Isolation of Infectious Disease Cases.

The following cases were admitted during the year 1941, sixteen to the Ashford Isolation Hospital, and one case to Sittingbourne.

Scarlet Fever:	4.	Diphtheria:	5.
Diphtheria(suspect):	2.	Diphtheria(carrier):	1.
Puerperal Pyrexia:	2.	Cerebro-spinal	
Typhoid Fever		Fever (suspect):	2.
(suspect):	1.		

Total: 17.

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

The supervision of the Midwives still remains under the jurisdiction of the Kent County Council.

Institutional Provision for Mothers or Children.

No provision is made here; but cases are sent to the Royal Victoria Hospital, and the Public Assistance Institution, Hill House, Etchinghill.

Evacuation of Expectant Mothers.

Under the Government Evacuation Scheme whereby expectant mothers can be sent to Emergency Maternity Homes in the safer areas, in 1941, the number of patients who took advantage of this fine scheme was 58 (including one to Pembury Hospital.)

Health Visitors.

This work was carried out by one Health Visitor, who has an intimate knowledge of the home conditions of all who attend the Centre, which links up the work of the Centre with that of the Public Health Services and the School Medical Department.

Infant Life Protection — Children Acts.

At the end of the year there were only three persons receiving children for reward; the number of foster children being three.

Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc. Cases.

The Local Authority has an arrangement with dental surgeons in the Borough whereby cases requiring treatment are referred to them by the Medical Officer. Where the income is below a certain scale the necessary treatment is carried out free of charge to the patient.

Cases requiring orthopaedic treatment are referred to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Registration of Nursing Homes.

The number of Maternity and Nursing Homes registered at the end of the year was one. The remainder are closed.

Registrar General's Returns — 1941.

Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1941. Provisional figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns. England and Wales, London, 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns.

	England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, in- cluding London.	148 Smaller Towns.	London Adminis- trative County.	FOLKESTONE.
<u>Birth</u> <u>Rate per 1000 Civilian Population.</u>					
Births:					
Live:	14.2	14.7	16.4	8.9	15.9
Still:	0.51	0.58	0.60	0.33	1.10

Annual Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.

	England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London.	148 Smaller Towns.	London Administrative County.	FOLKESTONE.
All Causes.	12.9	14.9	13.0	16.3	15.9
<u>Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
<u>Small-Pox.</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Measles.</u>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.00
<u>Scarlet Fever.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
<u>Whooping Cough.</u>	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.00
<u>Diphtheria.</u>	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.00
<u>Influenza.</u>	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.15	0.05

Annual Death Rate per 1000 live Births.

Diarrhoea and Enteritis, under two years.	5.1	7.5	4.6	6.8	0.0
<u>Total Deaths under one year.</u>	59.	71.	56.	68.	36.

Maternal Mortality Rates.
Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.

	Puerperal Infection.	Others.	Total.
England and Wales.	0.48	1.75	2.23
<u>Folkestone.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00

		Male.	Female.
<u>Live Births.</u>	) Total	*	*
	) Legitimate	*	*
	) Illegitimate	*	*
<u>Still Births.</u>	) Total	*	*
	) Legitimate	*	*
	) Illegitimate	*	*

Population *

* See separate sheet.

(Section C. — Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

(i) Water.

The Borough water supply is under constant observation and everything that can be done to ensure continued safety of supply is being carried out. Bacteriological analyses have been satisfactory throughout the entire year, some 44 samples being taken by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. H. W. Gill.

The results of the 37 samples of treated and untreated water of the Upper and Lower Honeywood Springs were equally good, there being only one unsatisfactory sample of untreated water.

Considerable time and thought has been given to the question of alternative sources of supply in the event of damage to Pumping Stations or water-mains.

This intricate problem I considered and discussed in detail with the Engineer and Secretary of the Waterworks Co., and M. O. i/c, Shorncliffe, making a tour of the Borough.

Among problems discussed were those of rapid water-testing and analysis, and transport by water tanks, and methods of sterilization, private and public.

Mr. Mitchell, of Messrs. Savory and Moore, Ltd., gave me his valuable co-operation and offered his services as analyst in the event of emergency.

A special quantity of "bleach" has been stored for emergency-chlorination.

Bombed Areas — Water Analyses.

During the year samples of water were taken from various parts of the town from certain bombed areas for analysis to ascertain whether any pollution of the supply had taken place as the result of damage to sewers. Nothing of any moment could be traced.

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY SANITARY

INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Complaints.

No. of complaints received and dealt with ... 98

Inspections.

Houses and premises inspected (for detection of nuisances, housing defects, provision of refuse bins, etc.)	...	224
Houses and premises inspected in consequence of notification received under Sec.41 Public Health Act, 1936.	...	39
Houses and premises re-inspected	...	256
Visits to drainage and other works in progress.		177
" " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops	...	130
" " bakehouses	...	66
" " factories, and homeworkers' premises.		14

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Visits to common lodging-houses	...	15
" " stables	...	33
" " markets	...	245
" " knacker's yard	...	23
" " and in connexion with cases of infectious diseases	...	14
" " foodshops and stores	...	257
" " shops, under Shops Act, 1934	...	Nil.
Visits for purpose of food inspection	...	869
Drains tested with water	...	17
" " " smoke	...	9
Miscellaneous visits	...	500
Total inspections and visits	...	2886

Service of Notices.

Number of informal notices requiring abatement of nuisances, remedying of housing defects, provision of sanitary and other arrangements in shops, etc.	63
Number of Statutory notices served under Sec. 93 Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the abate- ment of nuisances.	1
Number of Statutory notices served under Sec. 39 Public Health Act, 1936, requiring repair of drainage.	3
Number of Statutory notices served under Sec. 83 Public Health Act, 1936, requiring cleansing of dirty premises.	Nil.
Number of Statutory notices served under Sec. 32 Folkestone Corporation Act,	10
Number of Statutory notices served under Sec. 7 of the Factory Act, 1937.	1

Defects Remedied.

Drains (provided, remedied, etc.)	88
Soilpipes (provided, etc.)	5
Ventilating Shafts (provided, etc.)	4
Water Closets (provided, etc.)	82
Sinks, etc. (provided, etc.)	4
Water Supply (remedied, etc.)	5
Wastepipes, etc. (provided, etc.)	4
Paving, etc. (provided, etc.)	4
Eaves Gutters, etc. (provided, remedied, etc.)	3
Dampness (remedied, etc.)	18
General repairs	36
Miscellaneous	25
Dust Receptacles: Galvanized iron refuse bins provided	5
Factory: Provision of additional W.C. Apartments.	2
Bakehouses (repairs, etc.)	2

Legal Proceedings.

1 case in respect of filling milk bottles other than on registered premises, contrary to Para.2. Article 31, Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

Fine of £2 imposed.

Disinfection of Premises, etc.

No. of rooms disinfected after cases of infectious diseases, etc. 58

Other Disinfection:

No. of articles of clothing, bedding, etc., removed to and disinfected in the Thresh Steam Disinfector. 881

No. of Library books disinfected. 18

Animals Slaughtered for Food in the Borough.

	<u>Cattle</u> (excluding cows).	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep</u> and <u>Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number killed	635	332	645	6068	—
Number inspected	635	332	645	6068	—

All Diseases, except
Tuberculosis.

Whole carcasses condemned	1	2	2	8	—
Carcasses, some part or organ condemned	60	51	3	126	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	9.6	15.9	.77	2.2	—

Tuberculosis Only.

Whole carcasses condemned	4	19	2	—	—
Carcasses, some part or organ condemned	107	174	5	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	17.48	58.1	1.08	—	—

Food Condemned within the Borough, and disposed of in accordance
with the Ministry of Food's Orders.

Beef:—

26 Carcasses and offal.	11 Forequarters.	1 Hindquarter.
4 Offals.	8 Skirts.	5 Tongues.
113 Heads and tongues.	3 Kidneys.	210 Lungs.
1 Spleen.	1 Udder.	72 Mesenteries.
19 Hearts.	116 Livers.	5 tins Corned-beef.
30 Ox tails(imported).	5½ lbs. Suet.	254 lbs. Hindquarter.
155 lbs. Forequarters.	95 lbs. Buttock.	40 lbs. Trimmings.
49 lbs. Beef.		

Food Condemned. (continued).

Veal:—

4 Carcasses and offal.	4 Heads.	32 lbs. Trimmings.
13 "Plucks".		

Pork:—

1 lb. 11 oz. Pork.	1 Head.	2 lbs. Trimmings.
27 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Sausage Meat.		

Mutton and Lamb:—

8 carcasses and all offal.	2 Kidneys.	2 "Plucks" and Heads.
11 "Plucks".	109 Livers.	

Fish:—

6 stone of Haddocks.	16 stones of	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ stones Kippers.
18 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone of Dogfish.	Cod fillets.	

Miscellaneous:—

534 eggs (imported)	37 tins peas.	7 x 6 lb tins corned beef
247 tins evaporated milk.	60 tins plums.	3 tins haricot beans.
2 tins fish roll.	2 tins carrots.	4 tins tomatoes.
11 tins oranges.	1 tin fat.	3 tins pork sausage meat.
1 tin raspberries.	4 lbs sugar.	1 tin beans in tomato sau
1 tin baked beans.	1 tin lobster.	1 tin lambs tongues.
1 tin pilchards.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs jam.	1 tin celery hearts.
1 tin grapefruit.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb coffee.	1 tin Champignons de Paris
1 tin custard powder.	52 lbs brawn.	1 qt bag self raising Flou
16 lb 5ozs cake.	89 lbs butter.	Small jar french mustard.
1 lb apricot jam.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb ovaltine.	56 lbs cooking fat.
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs marmalade.	2 lbs onions.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bottles pickles.
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb cornflower.	1 drum mustard.	Small jar celery salt.
6 lbs pressed beef.	519 lbs apples.	1 bag ground rice.
2 boxes apples.	1 tin pineapple.	

Samples of Food and Drugs submitted to the Public Analyst.

<u>Formal:—</u>	New milk	32	Miscellaneous Foods	36
<u>Informal:—</u>			" "	3

Total 71

Samples of Milk submitted to the County Laboratory from the
Borough for Bacteriological Examination.

5 Accredited.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

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No. of Complaints received and dealt with	63
No. of Visits made by Inspectors	26
Approximate number of poisoned baits laid	4,750
Total number of rats known to have been destroyed (bodies found)	549

Herbert William Gill,
F.R.San.I.,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.
Borough of Folkestone.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:—

- (1) a. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts) Nil.
- b. Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil.
- (2) a. Number of dwelling-houses (including those under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932. Nil.
- b. Number of inspections for the purpose Nil.
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil.
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation Nil.

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. Nil.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

- A. Proceedings under Section 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:— No action.
- B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring the defects to be remedied. Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices. Nil.
- C. Proceedings under Sections 11, and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:— Nil.

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act,
1936:— No action.

Section E. -- Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

The five farms in the Borough, and Premises licensed under the Milk Orders were regularly inspected.

Samples of milk, supplied both from within and outside the Borough were taken periodically for analysis.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

The information under this heading is given on pp.13 and 14.

(c) Adulteration.

Action was taken under the various Food Orders and Regulations, 32 samples of milk being taken. Of these 4 were unsatisfactory. The four purveyors were warned by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

39 samples of miscellaneous foods, etc., were taken, 2 of which were unsatisfactory. In the case of one an explanation was given by the Food Executive Officer, and the vendor of the other was warned by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The chemical analyses are carried out by Messrs. Hawkins & Roberts, of Canterbury, and the bacteriological analyses by the County Laboratory, Maidstone.

Section D. -- Prevalence of, and control over,
Infectious Diseases.

The methods of the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, fully described in past annual reports, have been carried on continuously and successfully.

The notification of infectious diseases was specially low, due, most probably, to the Schools being closed and the number of persons who were evacuated.

Vaccination.

The number of successful vaccinations for the year 1941 was very low, only 25.17% being vaccinated.

Diphtheria Immunization.

Immunization began on October 8th, and in spite of considerable propaganda the response was poor. In the New Year efforts will be directed to securing a much needed improvement in this service.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>		<u>Cases ad-</u> <u>mitted to</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
	<u>Notified:</u>	<u>Civil. Military.</u>		
Scarlet Fever.	7	14	6	-
Diphtheria.	5	-	5	-
Erysipelas	4	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	1	1	1	1
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	4	-	3	-
Pneumonia.	4	2	2	10
Whooping Cough.	2	1	-	-
Measles.	5	2	-	-

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Total Cases: 1

Tuberculosis:1941.

Section 62, Public Health Act, 1925. Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936. No action under the above two sections was taken during the year

New Cases and Mortality.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pul.</u>		<u>Non-Pul.</u>		<u>Pul.</u>		<u>Non-Pul.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
5	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
15	3	3	1	3	2	1	1	-
25	1	1	1	-	2	4	-	-
35	4	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
45	4	1	-	1	3	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 (and upwards)	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	1
Totals.	16	6	3	6	12	8	1	2

Air Raid Precautions.

Visits were paid to First Aid Posts and to Air-raid shelters and various unsuitable social conditions in the latter were remedied, and some minor improvements made in them.

A great many candidates for the Fire-Service were medically examined and also some candidates for the Decontamination Squads.

On 3 occasions I have acted for the M.O. i/c Casualty Services, during his absence.

Co-operation with the Military Authorities.

Various points concerning infectious illness, sanitation, and food stuffs have been discussed from time to time with the Military authorities, with whom there has always been helpful collaboration.

<u>Factory Act, 1937.</u>			
Premises.	Inspect- ions.	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with mechanical power.	5	1	-
" without " "	9	-	-
Other premises under the Act (in- cluding works of buildings and engineer- ing construction, but not including out- workers' premises.)	-	-	-
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Prose- cuted.</u>
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage.	-	-	-	-
Sanitary (Insufficient	1 *	1	-	-
Conveniences. (Unsuitable	-	-	-	-
(Not separate	-	-	-	-
(for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

* 2 additional W.C. apartments provided at one factory.